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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AT BANQUET HOSTED BY THE  
SECRETARY, PEKING, NOVEMBER 28, 1974

1. THE SECRETARY: BEGIN TEXT:

MR. VICE PREMIER, MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, FRIENDS:

ON BEHALF OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES, ON BEHALF OF MY  
WIFE AND MY CHILDREN, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR CHINESE  
HOSTS FOR THE VERY WARM AND VERY FRIENDLY RECEPTION WE  
HAVE HAD HERE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I REACHED A VERY IMPORTANT  
AGREEMENT TODAY, WHICH IS THAT WE WOULD KEEP OUR TOASTS  
SHORT, TO SPARE THE MENTAL AGILITY OF THE PRESS WHICH IS HERE.

I DO WANT TO SAY THAT THIS VISIT, MY SEVENTH TO THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC, CONTINUES THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN  
MADE ON EACH PREVIOUS OCCASION. WE REVIEWED INTERNATIONAL  
PROBLEMS AND DEEPENED OUR COMMON UNDERSTANDING.

WE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO CONTINUING THE PROCESS OF  
NORMALIZATION ALONG THE LINES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

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BEYOND THE FORMAL EXCHANGES, WE GAINED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

OF THE CHINESE POINT OF VIEW, WHICH WE WILL TAKE  
SERIOUSLY INTO ACCOUNT IN CONDUCTING OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

I SAID WHEN I ARRIVED HERE THAT THE PROCESS OF  
IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND  
THE UNITED STATES IS A FIXED PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN  
FOREIGN POLICY. THIS PRINCIPLE WAS REAFFIRMED AND  
STRENGTHENED DURING OUR CONVERSATIONS.

SO, MY COLLEAGUES AND I AND MY FAMILY LEAVE WITH  
VERY WARM FEELINGS AND A FEELING OF SUBSTANTIVE SATISFACTION.

IN THIS SPIRIT, I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A TOAST TO  
THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES, TO  
THE GOOD HEALTH AND LONG LIFE OF CHAIRMAN MAO, TO THE  
GOOD HEALTH AND LONG LIFE OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI,  
TO THE GOOD HEALTH AND LONG LIFE OF THE VICE PREMIER  
AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER. GAM BEL. END TEXT.

2. PRC FONMIN CH'IAO: BEGIN TEXT:

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE AND MRS. KISSINGER,  
ALL THE OTHER AMERICAN GUESTS,  
COMRADES AND FRIENDS,

FIRST OF ALL, ON BEHALF OF ALL MY CHINESE COLLEAGUES  
PRESENT, I WISH TO THANK SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER  
FOR GIVING THIS BANQUET TONIGHT TO ENTERTAIN US.

IN THE LAST FEW DAYS, OUR TWO SIDES HAVE, IN A  
CANDID SPIRIT, REVIEWED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
SITUATION OVER THE PAST YEAR AND EXCHANGED VIEWS  
ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST AND  
THE QUESTION OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THIS HAS  
INCREASED OUR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND DEEPENED OUR  
COMPREHENSION OF OUR COMMON POINTS. BOTH SIDES HAVE  
EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO WORK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE PRINCIPLES ESTABLISHED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE,  
FOR THE CONTINUED ADVANCE OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

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DR. KISSINGER AND HIS PARTY ARE LEAVING PEKING  
TOMORROW FOR A VISIT TO SOOCHOW BEFORE RETURNING HOME.  
HERE WE WISH THEM A PLEASANT JOURNEY.

I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE  
CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLES, TO THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENT  
FORD, TO THE HEALTH OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND MRS.  
KISSINGER, TO THE HEALTH OF ALL THE OTHER AMERICAN

GUESTS, AND TO THE HEALTH OF ALL COMRADES AND FRIENDS  
PRESENT HERE. GAM BEL. END TEXT.  
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